

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

PS - Revenue Department - Sri Y.Shankaraiah, former MRO, Venkatapur Mandal, Warangal District (now retired) - Certain irregularities in issuing Jogini Certificate - Disciplinary proceedings initiated under rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980 - Charges framed - Enquiry - Report - Communicated - Explanation - Show Cause Notice - Representation - APPSC Concurrence - Imposing a punishment of 10% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of Rs.80,000/- under rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.II) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.Rt.No. 457.**

**Dated:19.04.2011**  
**Read the following:**

1. From CCLA Lr No.VSI(4)/2475/2005, dt.28.1.06.
2. G.O.Ms.No.1515, Rev (Vig.II) Deptt., dt.16.10.06.
3. G.O.Rt.No.2262, Rev (Vig.II) Deptt., dt.16.10.2006.
4. wsd of Sri Y.Shankaraiah, former MRO dt.28.12.06.
5. G.O.Rt.No.468, Rev (Vig.II) Deptt., dt.7.3.2007.
6. From Jt.Collector, Karimnagar. Lr.No.A3/4461/2006, dt.20.4.10 received through CCLA Lr.dt.21.5.2010.
7. Govt.Memo.No.5620/Vig.II(2)/2006-6, dt.5.6.2010.
8. Explanation of Sri Y.Shankariah, former MRO (now reted), dt.nil
9. Govt.Memo.No.5620/Vig.II(2)/2006-7, dt.31.8.2010.
10. Reptn. of Sri Y.Shankaraiah, former MRO (now reted) dt.29.9.10.
11. Govt.Memo.No.5620/Vig.II(2)/2006-8, dt.27.10.2010.
12. From Dist.Collector, Karimnagar Lr.No.A3/4461/06, dt.31.12.10.
13. Govt.Letter.No.5620/Vig.II(2)/2006-9, dt.17.1.2011.
14. From Prl.Secretary, APPSC Lr.No.166/RT-I/1/2011, dt.5.2.2011.

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**ORDER:-**

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that Sri Y.Shankaraiah, while working as MRO, Kataram Mandal, Karimnagar District has committed certain irregularities in identification of Joginies and issued certificates to the ineligible beneficiaries. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration has furnished proposals to Government through the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above for initiating disciplinary action against him under rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980, as he was retired from service on 31.01.2005.

2. Based on the proposals, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings and framed charges against Sri Y.Shankaraiah, former MRO (now retired) under rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980 through the references 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> read above. The charged officer has submitted written statement of defence requesting to drop further action in the matter. Since, the accused officer has denied the charges, Government have appointed the Joint Collector, Karimnagar as Enquiry Officer and the Revenue Divisional Officer, Manthani as Presenting Officer to enquire into the charges framed against Sri Y.Shankaraiah, former MRO, Kataram, Karimnagar District (now retired) vide reference 5<sup>th</sup> cited.

3. In the reference 6<sup>th</sup> read above, the Joint Collector, Karimnagar after conducting enquiry has submitted enquiry report stating that the charged officer has issued Jogini certificates to (8) ineligible persons and he is responsible for the loss of Rs.80,000/- to the Government in the shape of subsidy. In the reference 7<sup>th</sup> read above, a copy of the enquiry report was communicated to the delinquent officer to offer his representation, if any, on the findings of the Enquiry Report. The delinquent officer has submitted his representation through the reference 8<sup>th</sup> read above stating that he issued the certificates as per local enquiry and as per the version of the village elders in good faith but not with any intention to cause loss to the Government exchequer. He has also stated that during the local enquiry with the village elders, prominent persons and the caste people have categorically disclosed

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that the applicants are real and surviving on “Bikshatana (Begging)” in the name of the deity in whose name they were dedicated. Based on the local enquiry and certification made by the MRI and believing the villagers in good faith, he has issued Jogini Certificates. Hence, he has requested to drop further action.

4. Government, after careful examination in the matter, keeping in view the findings of the Enquiry Officer and after considering the representation of the delinquent officer, have provisionally decided to impose a punishment of 10% (ten) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of the loss of Rs.80,000/- caused to the Government due to his negligence against Sri Y.Shankaraiah, former MRO, Kataram (now retired). Accordingly, a show cause notice was issued directing Sri Y.Shankaraiah, former MRO (now retired) to submit his representation to Government as to why the above proposed punishment should not be imposed against him within 15 days from the date of receipt of the Memo failing which it would be construed that he had no representation to offer and further action will be taken based on the material available on record vide reference 9<sup>th</sup> read above.

5. In the reference 10<sup>th</sup> read above, Sri Y.Shankaraiah, formerly MRO (now retired) has submitted representation while reiterating his earlier contentions stating that basing on the local enquiry and as per the version of the village elders, he has issued Jogini Certificates in good faith, but not with any intention to cause loss the Government exchequer. Hence, he has requested to drop the proposed punishment as he has retired from service on 31.1.2005.

6. Government have examined the records of enquiry and the explanation of the Accused Officer it is observed that out of 20 Jogini Certificates issued by the Accused Officer as many as 18 were married and of them 13 have children also. They do not qualify as ‘Jogini’ obviously. The Accused Officer has not enquired properly in the village about their social status. He has thus committed a gross irregularity. Therefore his claim that he issued the certificate after due enquiry in the village is unconvincing and cannot be believed.

7. Hence, the Government after careful examination of the matter, being not convinced with the explanation of the Accused Officer, have decided to confirm the provisional decision after due consultation with the APPSC and impose a punishment of 10% (ten percent) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of loss of Rs.80,000/- caused to the Government in the shape of grant of subsidy to ineligible persons from the pensionary benefits of Sri Y.Shankaraiah, former MRO (now ret'd).

8. Accordingly, the Government, after careful examination of the entire matter, hereby impose a punishment of 10% (ten percent) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of loss of Rs.80,000/- caused to the Government in the shape of subsidy from the pensionary benefits of Sri Y.Shankaraiah, former MRO (now ret'd).

9. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is requested to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Hyderabad.  
The District Collector, Karimnagar.  
Sri Y.Shankaraiah, former MRO, Kataram (now ret'd)  
through CCLA, AP, Hyderabad.  
The Secretary, APPSC, Hyderabad.  
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.  
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SECTION OFFICER